

**Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge (visiting) Gerald D. Fines** *continued*

**Judicial:** Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of Illinois (1987-2000)

**Legal Practice:** Giffin, Winning, Linder, Cohen & Bodewes

**Military Service:** United States Army (1958-1960)

**Current Memberships:** The District of Columbia Bar; Illinois State Bar Association; Kentucky Bar Association

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Timothy Thorton** ..... (217) 431-4817  
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**James K. Coachys**

Bankruptcy Judge (visiting)

Date of Birth: 1946

Education: Butler 1969 BS; Indiana 1974 JD

**Affiliation:** Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Indiana

**Judicial:** Juvenile Magistrate, Johnson Circuit Court (1987-1989); Judge, Johnson Superior Court No. 1 (1989-2000); Bankruptcy Judge (visiting), United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Illinois (2000-2005)

**Legal Practice:** Jones, Loveall & Coachys (1974-1979); Coachys, Hass & Denslaw (1979-1987)

**Military Service:** United States Army Reserve (1969-1976)

**Current Memberships:** The Seventh Circuit Bar Association, Federal Bar Association; Indianapolis Bar Association; Johnson County Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges

**Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge (visiting) Pamela Pepper**

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**Pamela Pepper**

Bankruptcy Judge (visiting)

Education: Northwestern 1986 BS; Cornell 1989 JD

**Affiliation:** Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin

**United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana**

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**Number of Judgeships:** 5

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**Robert L. Miller, Jr.**

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1950

Education: Northwestern 1972 BA; Indiana 1975 JD

Began Service: January 1986

Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Affiliation:** Chief Judge, Chambers of Chief Judge Robert L. Miller, Jr., United States Courts of Limited Jurisdiction

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Robert A. Grant, United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana (1975)

**Judicial:** Judge, St. Joseph Superior Court, St. Joseph County (1975-1986)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; The American Law Institute; Indiana State Bar Association; Saint Joseph County Bar Association

**Staff**

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**Allen Sharp**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1932

Education: George Washington 1954 BA; Indiana 1957 JD; Butler 1986 MA

Began Service: November 1, 1973

Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Judge, Indiana Court of Appeals (1969-1973)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1957-1968)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force Reserve (1957-1984)

**Current Memberships:** The Seventh Circuit Bar Association, Federal Bar Association; Indiana Judges Association; Indiana State Bar Association

**Chambers of District Judge Allen Sharp** *continued***Staff**

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**Chambers of District Judge Philip P. Simon**

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**Philip P. Simon**

District Judge

Date of Birth: July 7, 1962

Education: Iowa 1984 BA; Indiana 1987 JD

Began Service: March 31, 2003

Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Government:** Assistant U.S. Attorney, Indiana Northern District, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, George H.W. Bush Administration (1990-1997); Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, William J. Clinton Administration (1997-1999); Assistant U.S. Attorney and Chief, Criminal Division, Northern District of Indiana, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, William J. Clinton Administration (1999-2003)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Kirkland & Ellis LLP (1987-1990)

**Nonprofit:** Adjunct Professor of Law, School of Law, Valparaiso University (1996-1997); Adjunct Professor of Law, School of Law, Valparaiso University (1999-2000)

**Chambers of District Judge Theresa L. Springmann**

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**Theresa L. Springmann**

District Judge

Education: Indiana 1977 BA; Notre Dame 1980 JD

Began Service: June 24, 2003

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable James T. Moody, United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana (1980-1984)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana (1995-2003)

**Legal Practice:** Partner and Member, Spangler, Jennings, & Dougherty (1984-1995)

**Current Memberships:** Allen County Bar Association; American Bar Association; The American Inns of Court; Federal Bar Association; Indiana State Bar Association

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Vilius Lapas** ..... (260) 423-3053  
Began Service: August 2003  
Law Clerk **Benjamin Rolf** ..... (260) 423-3058  
Began Service: August 2005  
Career Law Clerk **Maci Doden** ..... (260) 423-3052  
Began Service: June 12, 2003  
Education: Valparaiso 1998 JD

**Chambers of District Judge Joseph S. Van Bokkelen**

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Tel: (219) 852-6720

**Joseph S. Van Bokkelen**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1943

Education: Indiana 1966 BA, 1969 JD

Began Service: July 20, 2007

Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Affiliation:** Member, Federal Bar Association; Member, American Bar Association; Member, Indiana State Bar Association; Member, Calumet American Inns of Court

**Government:** Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, State of Indiana (1969-1970); Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, State of Indiana (1971-1972); Assistant U.S. Attorney, Indiana - Northern District, United States Department of Justice (1972-1975)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Wilson, Donnesberger, Van Bokkelen and Reid (1975-1978); Partner, Goodman, Ball, Van Bokkelen and Leonard (1978-2001)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Calumet American Inns of Court; Federal Bar Association; Indiana State Bar Association

**Staff**

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Law Clerk **Gail Oosterhof** ..... (219) 852-6720  
Began Service: August 2007  
Term Expires: August 2009  
Law Clerk **Diane Rowe** ..... (219) 852-6720  
Began Service: August 2007  
Term Expires: August 2009  
Education: Indiana 1981 BS;  
Loyola (Chicago) 2000 JD

**Chambers of Senior Judge William C. Lee**

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1300 South Harrison Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46802  
Tel: (260) 423-3030

**William C. Lee**

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1938

Education: Yale 1959 AB; Chicago 1962 JD

Began Service: August 19, 1981

Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan



**Government:** Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, State of Indiana (1963-1969); Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, State of Indiana (1966-1969); United States Attorney, Northern District of Indiana, United States Department of Justice (1970-1973)

**Judicial:** Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Northern District of Indiana

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1962-1964); Partner, Parry, Krueckeberg & Lee (1964-1970); Partner, Hunt, Suedhoff, Borrer, Eilbacher & Lee (1973-1981)

**Current Memberships:** Allen County Bar Association; American Bar Association; American College of Trial Lawyers; Federal Bar Association; The Seventh Circuit Bar Association, Federal Bar Association; Indiana State Bar Association

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